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In re Application of Kennedy, et al.

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Examiner: Laneau, Ronald

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Group Art Unit: 2674

Date Filed: December 26, 2000

For: METHOD FOR TOUCHSCREEN DATA INPUT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed October 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks in support of patentability of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of October 3, 2002 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. In the Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,054,979 to Sellers (Sellers).

Prior to addressing the rejections on the art, a brief review of the Applicants' invention is appropriate. The Applicants have invented a method and apparatus for distinguishing between a finger and a stylus using a touchscreen. In particular, the

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